
REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on February 8, 2006, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 34 and 35 have been added, and claims 1-21 and 24-30 have been canceled without prejudice to their prosecution in another application. As a result, claims 22, 23, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35 are now pending in this application.

Dependent claims 22 and 31 have been made independent by incorporation of subject matter from cancelled independent claims 18-21. In view of these amendments, the dependencies of claims 23, 32 and 33 have also been amended.

Some of the subject matter of claim 31 has been placed in new claims 34 and 35. Support for the subject matter of new claims 34 and 35 exists not only in original claim 31 but also throughout the specification, for example, at page 2, lines 17, 24, and at page 8, lines 11-15, and in FIGs. 18-19 and at page 11, lines 31-32 and in Example 3.

Applicant submits that no new matter has been added to the application or claims.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has stated that elected claims 18-23 and 31-33 would be allowable and free of the prior art if amended to elected peptide species SEQ ID NO:11-13 and if the non-elected claims are canceled.

Applicants have amended the claims as the Examiner has suggested to facilitate allowance of this application.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (516) 795-6820 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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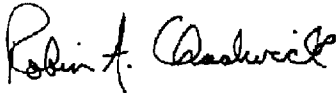
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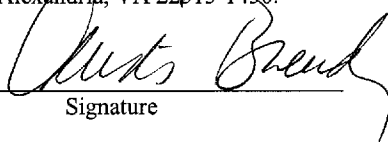
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